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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

FROM: David S. Brandwein  
Director of Technical Service

SUBJECT: Installation of Conduit for Green Line  
Telephones ☐

1. This memorandum is to request, for reasons of public exigency, that the Office of Logistics initiate a contract for the installation of conduit for the green line telephone system in South Building. Attached is a Form 2420 covering the requirement to solicit competitive bids for accomplishing the installation through the use of FY-79 funds. ☐

2. This office has been pursuing the issue of additional green lines for well over a year. Since the availability of additional green lines off the Headquarters switch and the associated KY-3's and call directors are in very short supply, we have had to overcome many obstacles to reach the point where we are now. The Office of Communications has identified all the necessary equipment for this installation and we have agreed to obligate ☐ of FY-79 funds so that work could begin on this project as soon as possible. ☐

3. Our present secure voice system has been unsatisfactory for many years and is growing progressively worse. This already overburdened system was strained severely when we acquired responsibility for covert communications in April 1977. Our increasing involvement in satellite operations, which are handled in the SCI channel, has further aggravated this situation. We are now establishing a special operations center in the Headquarters Building that will operate on an around-the-clock basis and will deal with highly sensitive information. Our problem is that we still do not have a sufficient number of secure phones for OTS personnel who will support or otherwise be involved in the operation of this center. ☐

4. Generally, this lack of adequate secure voice service has impacted on our ability to provide technical guidance and support to the DDO and other Agency components in a timely and

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effective manner. With the Agency's increasing emphasis on improving our security practices, especially in regards to discussing classified information over non-secure phones, and considering that we have only eight secure lines to support the  people that make up the OTS complex, it is imperative that the installation of these green lines begin without further delay. ☐

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